



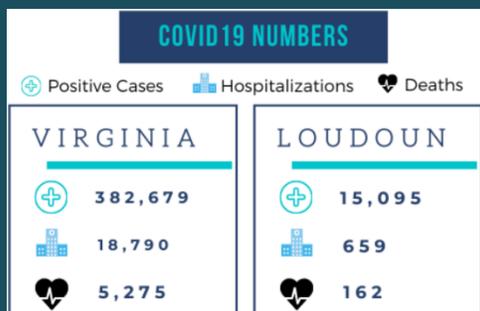
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COVID-19 Update



Local and State COVID-19 Trends

Loudoun's seven-day test positivity rate has steadily increased since late December. The latest positivity rate stands at 13.4% while the seven-day average remains above 10%. On January 2, the county saw a positivity rate of 18.6% and 14.1% just two

days later. Loudoun has also seen a decrease in its seven-day moving average of daily cases since the first. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) shows that the seven-day moving average has dropped slightly from 153.1 daily cases to 139.6 daily cases as of January 6.

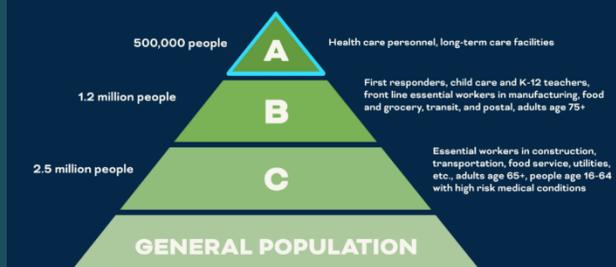
Virginia's statewide seven-day moving average of cases has stagnated since early December, where it stood at 3,487 cases on December 5. The latest available data from the Virginia Department of Health shows that the state's seven-day moving average has since decreased to 3,546 cases.

Data resources provided by Loudoun County can be accessed [here](#).

View Comprehensive Data on the Virginia Department of Health Website:

- [Cases, demographics, localities, outbreaks, testing, and more](#)
- [Virginia's Key COVID-19 Measures](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Insights](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW



COVID-19 Vaccine: When and Where Do You Get It?

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has provided additional details about the commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccination efforts that will

begin to ramp up in the coming weeks. This announcement provides additional clarity to when and where members of the public will receive COVID-19 vaccine when it is their turn.

Priority Groups

To date, the highest-priority members of our community have been receiving COVID-19 vaccine from hospital systems, pharmacies, and Loudoun County government. The "Phase 1a" group includes health care workers, EMS personnel and residents of long-term care facilities. View the details about the [vaccination priority groups on the VDH website](#).

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has not yet indicated when Phase 1b and 1c vaccination will begin. Loudoun County is working with its community partners, which include pharmacies, healthcare systems, schools and employers, to plan for the vaccination of people in Phase 1b and 1c when the time comes, and vaccine supplies are adequate to move into future phases of prioritized vaccination.

Where to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

Plans generally call for people eventually to receive COVID-19 vaccine through various channels in the community, much like you receive an annual flu vaccine. VDH has indicated that more than 2,000 providers have already signed up to distribute COVID-19 vaccine. This means that as supplies of vaccine become increasingly available, COVID-19 vaccine eventually will be available through health care providers and pharmacies, and in some cases through employers. In addition, Loudoun County will host vaccination events as needed.

How to Know When it's Your Turn to Get Vaccinated

People eligible for COVID-19 vaccine now—people in Phase 1a—have been contacted by their employers, designated pharmacies and Loudoun County. Local health care systems and pharmacies began vaccinating people in December. In addition, since December 28, 2020, Loudoun County has been vaccinating other people in Phase 1a on a daily basis.

Loudoun County will announce when other phases of the vaccination process will begin, as well as information about vaccination opportunities provided by the county. To receive text or email updates about COVID-19 from Loudoun County:

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts in English.
 - Text LCCOVIDESP to 888777 to receive text alerts in Spanish.
- Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in [Notify Me, Blogs category, "Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)"](#)
- Follow Loudoun County on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Visit the county's website, loudoun.gov/coronavirus.



Using Gyms, Fitness Centers or Studios

Exercise is important for physical and mental health and should be continued for healthy living, especially during the coronavirus crisis. However, you should take precautions to make you less likely to get or spread COVID-19. Per Virginia Governor Ralph

[Northam's Executive Order Seventy-Two](#) and guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#):

- Keep at least 10 feet away from other people and wear a face covering over your nose and mouth.
- Select a facility that requires all staff and attendees to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times.
- Select a facility that limits occupancy to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load.
- Limit high-intensity activities to the outdoors.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, before and after using machines.



Fight Flu in the New Year

Get a head start on your 2021 health goals by getting your flu vaccine. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses each year and is more important than ever during the pandemic. Find a flu vaccine provider near you at vaccinefinder.org.



Parks & Rec Master Plan (Virtual) Public Meeting Jan. 14

The second in a series of (virtual) public meetings regarding the Master Plan for the Loudoun County

Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will be held Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The department has contracted for a strategic master planning process with the goal of creating an environment for providing exceptional facilities, recreational opportunities and community services that enhance the health and well-being of Loudoun residents.

The meeting held September 29, 2020, included an overview of the process that will be taken to create the strategic master plan and an opportunity for input on the current use of PRCS resources and where opportunities for improvement should be focused in the next 10 years.

The January meeting will include a presentation of the key findings from the recent community needs assessment surveys. Details about the master planning project and how to join virtual meetings and submit comments can be found at www.loudoun.gov/prcsmasterplan.

Opioid Overdose Reversal Virtual Training

Upcoming Classes

- January 11 - 5:30 p.m.
- January 14 - 12:00 p.m.
- January 19 - 5:30 p.m.

The training is free. Participants must preregister.



Register at loudoun.gov/revive



Opioid Overdose Reversal Virtual Training

Loudoun County has scheduled several virtual training sessions for January 2021 on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. The next REVIVE! sessions are

scheduled for January 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m.; January 14, 2021, 12:00 p.m.; and January 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

- The free, one-hour training covers signs of opioid overdose and how to respond to an opioid overdose with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.
- Any registered participant completing the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to sign up for the training.
- Pre-registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Register at loudoun.gov/revive.



Governor's Updates

Governor Ralph Northam announced new actions to support the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution program and accelerate the pace of vaccinations across Virginia. Governor Northam is taking the following steps to help providers increase the rate of vaccinations as quickly, safely, and equitably as possible:

1. **Vaccination goal.** Governor Northam set an initial goal of vaccinating 25,000 Virginians each day when supply allows.
2. **'Use it or lose it' model.** Medical facilities will be required to put the vaccine they receive into arms as soon as possible, or risk having future vaccine allotments reduced.
3. **Danny T.K. Avula to lead vaccination efforts in Virginia.** Governor Northam appointed Dr. Avula, who serves as director of the Richmond City and Henrico County Health Departments to coordinate work between state officials, local health departments, hospitals, and private providers.
4. **Expanded priority groups.** Governor Northam announced that K-12 teachers and child care workers will be among the next priority groups to receive vaccinations after Group A, and outlined the populations that will be included in Groups B and C.
5. **Elevating the Virginia National Guard.** As the Commonwealth receives more doses, the Virginia National Guard will provide logistical support and help local health departments will administering vaccines.

Governor Northam also announced the next priority populations to receive vaccinations, based in part on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and recommendations from the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The Virginia Department of Health is developing an online portal to help people understand how to register to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Group B includes frontline essential workers in specific industries, K-12 teachers and staff, childcare providers, adults age 75 and older, and people living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and migrant labor camps. Additional information about Group B, which is expected to start near the end of January, is available [here](#).

Group C includes other essential workers, adults age 65 and older, and people age 16-64 with certain medical conditions or disabilities that increase their risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Additional information about Group C is available [here](#).



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How to Receive Updates or get Questions Answered

Loudoun County staff continues to coordinate answering your COVID-19 health related constituent questions. Please call the Health Department COVID-19 Information Hotline at 703-

737-8300 for a quick response (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or [Email the Health Department](#).

Please visit the [County's COVID-19 webpage](#). The [questions and answers](#) page is continually updated.

Please encourage your constituents to view and sign up for updates from Loudoun

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- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and Twitter [@LoudounCoGovt](#)

Seen any message of hope and inspiration? Do you know someone making a difference in your community? Share with us at zachary.borris@loudoun.gov and we'll put them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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